

Catawba-Wataree Hydro Relicensing

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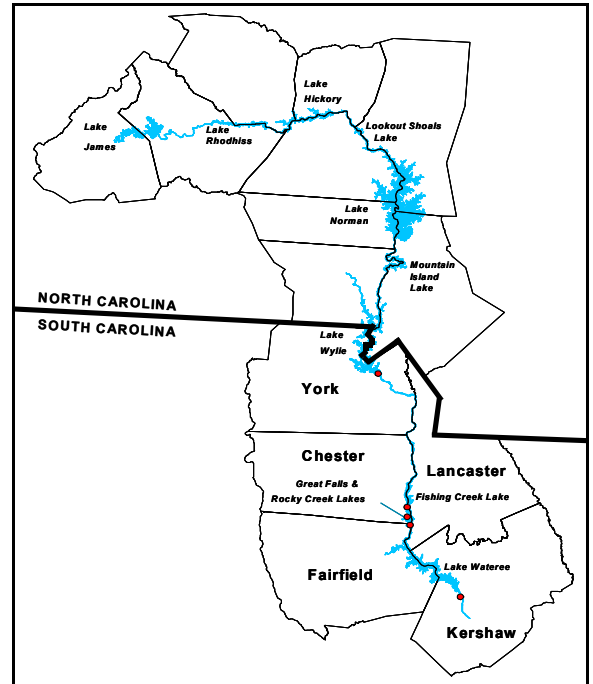
SC Historic Preservation Review and Compliance



Great Falls Powerhouse (built 1907) is one of five historic dam complexes on the Catawba-Wataree.



Mount Dearborn Island was the site of an early 1800s arsenal and is planned for use as a park.



"This may be the single most significant community planning event that has occurred in this river basin and the results are going to have a very positive impact on the river and communities along the river for decades to come."

Jeff Lineberger
Hydro Relicensing Manager, Duke Energy

The Catawba-Wataree Hydroelectric project is a collection of 13 powerhouses, 11 dams and reservoirs, and 1700 miles of shoreline which provides reliable drinking water supply for over 1.3 million people and energy to 116,000 homes a year in both North and South Carolina. In 2007 the owner, Duke Energy, applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to renew a license to operate. In anticipation, Duke consulted with Native American tribes, federal and state agencies, local governments, public groups and citizens with an interest in the 225 mile-long river system. Surveys identified 5 historic dam complexes and 11 archaeological sites in South Carolina that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. In their application Duke Energy included plans to develop a Historic Properties Management Plan, lease portions of historic lands to state resource agencies and to the Catawba Indian Nation, and make information about the history and preservation of the area available to the public, making the project a success.

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